



U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management



Breakout Session III: TEC Direction and Priorities

Presented to:
Transportation External Coordination Working Group

Presented by:
Alex Thrower
Office of Logistics Management

February 7, 2008
San Antonio, Texas

Topics of Discussion

- **Transportation External Coordination Working Group (TEC) charter and membership**
- **Topic group functions**
- **Meeting format**



TEC Charter and Membership

- **Mission**
 - **TEC was formed in 1992 to improve coordination among the Department of Energy (DOE) and external groups interested in the Department's transportation activities**
 - ◆ **The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) co-chairs TEC with DOE's Environmental Management Program**
 - ◆ **Provides an opportunity for broad based input and information exchange from varied organizations**
 - **Members meet semi-annually to participate in plenary and breakout sessions and in more specialized topic groups**



TEC Charter and Membership

(continued)

- **Membership**
 - **Members are responsible for transportation planning and emergency management, and implementation of response activities in their respective locales**
 - **Membership includes representatives from national, state, tribal and local government organizations, labor, industry and professional groups**



Topic Group Functions

- **Rail topic group**
 - Identify and discuss current issues and concerns regarding rail transportation by DOE
 - Current task is to examine different aspects of rail transportation including inspections, tracking and radiation monitoring, planning and process, and review of lessons learned
- **Routing topic group**
 - Provide stakeholder perspectives and input to OCRWM for the identification of a national suite of routes to Yucca Mountain in a manner that will contribute to a safe, dynamic, and flexible transportation system
- **Tribal topic group**
 - Address government-to-government consultation between DOE and tribes affected by its transportation activities including transportation planning, funding, and training



TEC Meeting Format

- **Determine whether to restructure TEC meetings and topic groups**
 - **If so, how? Which elements should be revisited?**
 - ◆ **Plenary, topic groups, breakout session**
 - ◆ **TEC meetings – number per year and schedule**
 - ◆ **Others?**
 - **Address State Regional Group suggestions**
- **Establish guidelines for participation in topic groups**
 - **Suggested topic group guidelines:**
 - ◆ **Members only at the tables**
 - ◆ **Members participate in the work, they are not observers**
 - ◆ **Others?**

